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SRI L .LAKSHMANDASS:—" In view of the reversion of a large number of Police Sub-Inspectors, will the Government consider discontinuance of direct recruitment for the post for one or two years? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" They have not only considered it but done it."

SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE:—" May I know, Sir, whether the principle of communal ratio was adhered to in these recruitments? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" These are the figures from 1948–52 and I do hope that I will raise the number of Muslims in the future."

Fee concessions to the Vanniyakula Kshatriya students.

* 782 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether under G.O. No. 3915, Home, dated 26th September 1949, Padaiyatchies of the southern districts otherwise described as Vanniyakula Kshatriyas in records are entitled to full fee concessions;

(*b*) whether the Criminal Tribes Act is applicable to them;

(*c*) if so, from which date; and

(*d*) if not, from when?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The Criminal Tribes Act was repealed with effect from 28th April 1948 and it is therefore not now applicable to any tribe or caste in this State.

" (*c*) & (*d*) Do not arise."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN:—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, in pursuance of the Government Order quoted in my question a circular has been sent to all headmasters of all the high schools in the State containing a list of communities which are eligible for full fee concession. A reference in this connection was made by the headmasters and the presidents of the district boards concerned to the Government but no reply has so far been received. It is stated in the circular that communities which are hitherto known as criminal tribes only are eligible for the concession. Since the Hon. Minister says that the Vanniakula Kshatriyas are eligible for full fee concession now, may I know whether this community was hitherto known as a criminal tribe? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" They were included in it and I may tell the hon. Member that full fee concession at all stages of education is granted to them."